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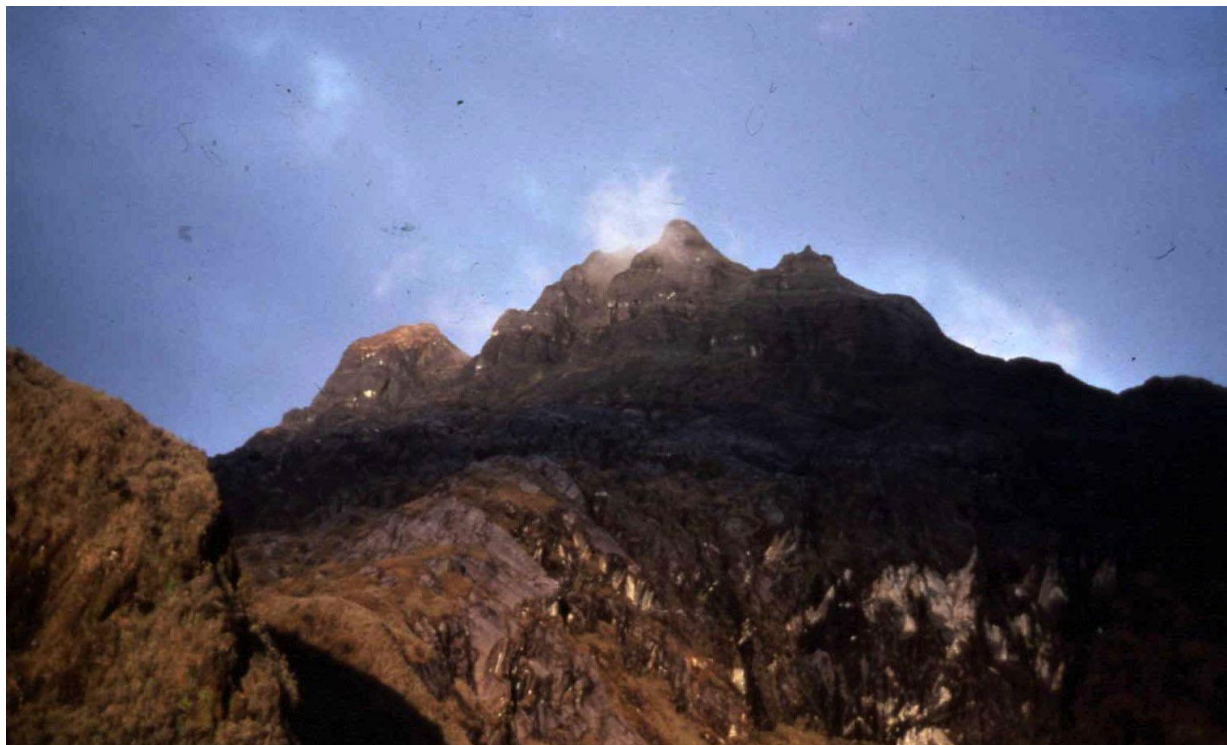
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Sunrise at Cerro Hermoso in the Llanganates

Inca treasure

Llanganates, the mountains of the mind,
Where cold mists and rain leave you undefined,
You're straddled by Cerro Hermoso's sweep,
Atahualpa's treasure is yours to keep.

Rumiñahui, loyal lieutenant he,
When advised of Pizarro's treachery,
Manoeuvred his gold-laden llama train
To this twisted, ice-worn, rocky terrain.

Valverde was first to the treasure site.
In a cave or a lake? Which one is right?
Wrote his derrotero before he died:
It's always been an ambiguous guide.

After three days of walking, cold and wet,
We reach two mighty tents in silhouette.
Standing outside: "Have you a drink for me?"
"Vee see you soon, Vee are having our tea."

Bankers from Stockholm with tons of supplies;
So the next morning I sent out my spies:
Charting the lake with sonar equipment:
Trying to find Rumiñahui's shipment.

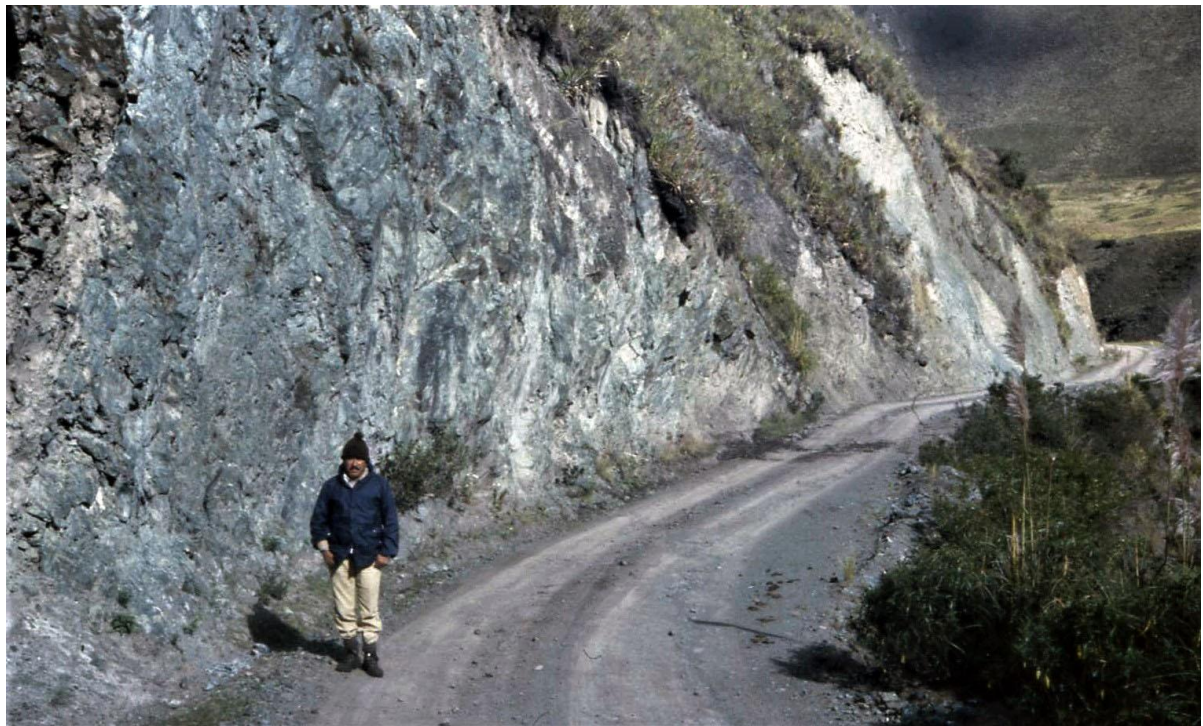
We climbed Hermoso; we mapped all the rocks.
We noticed the potholes that drained the lochs.
We followed the black marbles all around,
In which potholes and caves were underground.

Our final morning, approaching the Swedes:
"We know what you're doing! Hope it succeeds!
But surveying the lake may be in vain.
When our map's published, you should come again!"

Martin Litherland
Inca Treasure
Poems from the Andes of Ecuador



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